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The Honorable Vernon Williams, Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Williams:

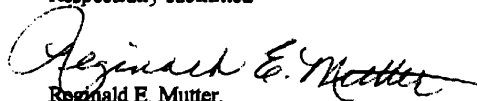
RE: STB Ex Parte No. 656  
Machinery Haulers Association, Inc. - Agreement  
Section 5a, Application No. 58, (Sub. No. 4)

The Surface Transportation Board Decision STB Ex Parte No. 656 (Motor Carrier Bureaus - Periodic Review Proceeding) decided December 13, 2004 requests that each bureau file a statement with the Board indicating that they desire to continue to have its collective-actions approved by the board. As evidenced in the Board's decision in STB Ex Parte 656 on January 19, 2005, the Machinery Haulers Association, Inc. is active and in compliance with all conditions of renewal imposed by the Board during the prior review cycle. The Machinery Haulers Association respectfully requests that we be included in the proceedings of STB Ex Parte 656 for the continuation of our collective activities.

In addition, the Board requests information on whether the conditions of (1) the furnishing of a "truth-in-rates notice" when collective rates are quoted; and (2) a prohibition of use of a loss-of-discount penalty for late payment of rates are working. These conditions were imposed under the prior review. The Machinery Haulers Association By-Laws were amended as required by the Surface Transportation Board and all members were notified of these conditions. The Machinery Haulers Association, Inc. has not received any adverse feed back to these conditions.

It is therefore our request that the Surface Transportation Board continues our collective activities and includes us in the forth coming review as outlined in STB Ex Parte 656.

Respectfully submitted

  
Reginald E. Mutter,  
Executive Secretary